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Summary

Main Features

Preliminary estimates show the total production of grapes decreased by 16% for the 2003 harvest to 1.5 million tonnes, compared with the 2002 harvest. The largest producing state, South Australia, recorded a decrease in production, down by 10% to 626,500 tonnes. The next largest producing states recorded large decreases: Victorian production decreased by 24% to 391,600 tonnes; and New South Wales production decreased by 17% to 374,000 tonnes.

The total area of vines reported increased marginally from the 2002 season, to a record 159,400 hectares in the 2003 season. Increases were reported in South Australia (up 3% to 68,800 hectares) and Western Australia (up marginally to 11,500 hectares) with falls reported in every other state and territory.

Grapes (a), Production

	Australia										2003p
	2001	2002	2003p	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT
	AREA OF VINES AT HARVEST (ha)										
Bearing	130,591	143,373	144,369	33,811	34,727	1,986	62,030	10,433	973	345	64
Not yet bearing: planted or grafted prior to collection year	11,081	8,264	8,446	1,709	2,021	155	3,850	550	110	7	46
Not yet bearing: planted or grafted during collection year	6,586	6,958	6,546	1,170	1,831	41	2,941	^ 478	^ 42	-	43
Total area of vines	148,258	158,594	159,362	36,689	38,580	2,181	68,822	11,462	1,125	352	153
	GRAPE PRODUCTION (fresh weight) (t)										
Total production	1,546,002	1,753,888	1,476,558	374,018	391,570	10,149	626,524	65,903	5,943	2,256	196
Yield (t/ha) (b)	11.8	12.2	10.2	11.1	11.3	5.1	10.1	6.3	6.1	6.5	3.1

- nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

^ data subject to sampling variability between 10% and 25%

(a) Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals. Varietal information will be available in **Australian Wine and Grape Industry** (cat. no. 1329.0 - due for release in January 2004). (b) Yield represents the quantity of grapes produced per hectare of bearing vines.

About this Release

ABOUT THIS RELEASE

This release contains preliminary estimates for major items only from the vineyards collection.

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